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In Re Application of:

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CLIENT INTERACTION IN A MULTILEVEL RIGHTS-MANAGEMENT ARCHITECTURE

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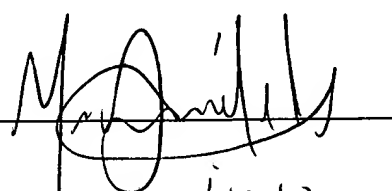
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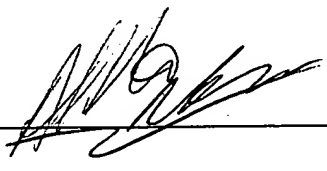
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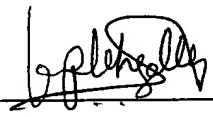
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